



memorandum

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SUBJECT: Fire Station #6 Comments

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The table below summarizes the comments collected from the community meeting held on September 9, 2004. The Response/Next Steps column indicates the design team's response, which we have mutually developed, to each of the community comments. These responses serve to provide direction to the design team in the refinement of plans, and will be updated as the project moves forward.

Item	Issue / Comment	Response / Next Steps
Land Acquisition		
	Size of property. Why is 2.5 acres needed?	The station is planned to be a three or four bay, 13,000 square foot facility that will house an engine company, a truck company, and a Battalion Chief. The truck company and Battalion Chief will move from their current location on Mowry in an effort to improve citywide fire service coverage. The new Centerville fire station will be the biggest in Fremont's system, and it is centrally located, making it a logical location for housing current or future departmental programs and equipment. The site will be planned for a 3,000 square foot storage building and for training classroom space, which could be developed at a future time when the City's implements the Fire Safety Bond's training center project. The site is sufficient in size to accommodate all of these needs.
	Peralta site. Why can't the fire station go on the Peralta and Dusterberry Site (former car dealership owned by the City)?	The 3.6 acre site was purchased with parkland funds and it has been planned for a neighborhood park. The site is too big for the planned Fire department uses, and the balance of the property would make a small

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		neighborhood park. The fire station project would have to pay for or replace the park land dedicated to the Fire Station use, so it does not present an opportunity for significant cost savings.
	Fate of truckers. Where will the truckers park? Acquiring the site will force truckers to relocate and it will hurt the City's tax base.	The City has indicated its willingness to work with the main "truck center" tenant to allow the truckers to continue parking on the site until the property would need to be cleared for demolition and site improvements. This could give truckers more time to locate a new parking location. The City regrets any inconvenience caused by its possible acquisition of the property.
Site Plan Issues		
	Native landscaping. The project should use native plants and trees because it reduces water consumption.	The landscape plan will incorporate draught tolerant and native species.
	Art at corner. The project should place the art component at the corner to make a stronger statement.	The design process will look at this suggestion. The Art Review Board will make recommendations on the art and the art's location with input from staff, the architect and community members. We will inform participants in the fire station community meetings of the Art Review Board meetings on the project.
	Perimeter wall. There should be a wall to secure the site and contain noise and light.	A perimeter wall will be included in the project and it is proposed to be 6' tall made out precast panels with pilasters every 10' or concrete masonry units (CMU).
	Space for police. Will there be space for police to have a presence at the station?	The building will have room for growth and change over the next 50 years, but there are no plans for the Police Department to occupy a portion of the building.
Traffic / Off-site Improvements		
	Alerting mechanism. There should be some kind of alerting device to warn traffic of the fire station.	Fire station signing will be posted in advance of the fire station and "Keep Clear" legends may be painted on the street where the fire apparatus exit.
	DMV plans. Does the DMV across the way have any expansion plans and does it present any traffic concerns?	Staff will have a discussion with DMV in the process of determining if there are any traffic-related issues with the site.
	Noise. What noise will the fire	If the engine and/or ladder truck needs to take control

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	station generate? Have there been complaints made about fire stations elsewhere in the City?	of traffic, it will use its sirens and lights. This would be the loudest noise being occasionally generated at the station. The emergency generator will run once a week and it will generate noise (although it will be enclosed in a “hush kit” that dampens the noise). There are no outdoor loudspeakers or sirens. To our knowledge, there have been no noise complaints at the other stations.
Floor Plan / Elevations		
	Focal point. The fire station should be a focal point for the community, not just another building that blends in.	The design process will consider this suggestion. We will present ideas at future community meetings.
	Centerville architectural themes. The architect should consider treatments found in the core area of Centerville so that the fire station extends the character of Centerville.	The design process will consider this suggestion. We will present ideas at future community meetings. The design is subject to the Centerville Specific Plan which includes community design guidelines.
	Historical photos. The project should review and incorporate historical photos of the fire department.	The design process will consider this suggestion. We will present ideas at future community meetings.
	Old Fire bell. The project should incorporate the old Centerville Fire Department fire bell.	The design process will consider this suggestion. We will present ideas at future community meetings.
Construction		